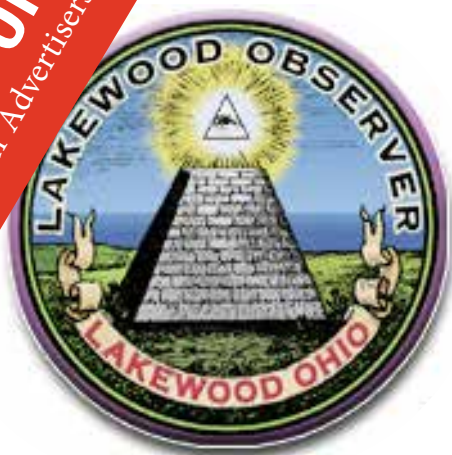


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Healthy Lakewood Foundation

Foundation Decides Name, Now Looking For Board Members

by Michael Bentley

The Foundation Planning Task Force is proud to announce the Healthy Lakewood Foundation. As the new wellness foundation launches, the Task Force is actively seeking passionate, diverse, and experienced board members for the inaugural board.

The open application process

will begin on April 23, and applications will be accepted until May 6. Following an initial review of applications, potential candidates will be interviewed by members of the Task Force.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply. The Task Force is especially interested in candidates who:

Are excited about being part of a new and impactful organization for Lakewood

Have the time and energy to spend on significant board work – attending meetings, participating in committee work, and being an ambassador

for the foundation

Bring a knowledge and passion for healthy and strong communities

Are committed to Lakewood (Applicants are not required to be Lakewood residents, though 2/3 of board

members must be residents of the city.)

To access the application, visit <http://www.onelakewood.com>, call 216-529-6600 to request one be sent to you, or pick up an application at Lakewood City Hall.

Celebrate Spring With Earth Day, The Great American Cleanup, And Keep Lakewood Beautiful

by Marianne Quasebarth Usiak

Spring sunshine and warmer winds have finally arrived here in Lakewood, Ohio. The Keep Lakewood Beautiful organization is celebrating this time of year with its Annual Earth Day and Great American Cleanup on April 28th from 9am-1pm beginning at Lakewood Park. Come one or come all and help spruce up public areas in our city. Learn about recycling, learn from an arborist, and you can help: plant trees in observance of Arbor Day, plant flowers, mulch trees, or pick up litter. Meet at the Women's Pavilion



at Lakewood Park. Lunch will be provided after volunteering. For more information or

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Martin J. Sweeney Hopes To Earn The Privilege Of Serving You In The State Senate

by Martin Sweeney

My name is Martin J. Sweeney and I am asking for the privilege of serving as your next State Senator.

Throughout my life, Lakewood has always been special to me. I competed in many basketball games as a teenager here, worked my first job at the Convenient Mart behind Harding, learned to play pool at Mahall's, socialized at the old Tam O'Shanter, and spent many 4th of July nights down at Lakewood Park watching the fireworks. More importantly, it is where I met my beautiful wife Kate at her family home on Narragansett Ave.

Having had the opportunity of serving our communities for over twenty years, as both a Cleveland City Councilman and a State Representative from the 14th House



District, I uniquely understand the challenges facing large, urban cities like Lakewood. From the loss of critical funding for our local schools and cities, an Opioid Crisis ravaging our communities, and a near constant Republican-led assault on the basic rights for all Ohioans, I know the issues impacting you and your neighbors in Lakewood. I promise I will always work hard for you in Columbus to ensure we have

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Nickie J. Antonio Makes Run For State Senate District 23

by Nickie Antonio

My name is Nickie J. Antonio. For the past eight years I have been honored to serve as the State Representative for Ohio House District 13. I am now running in the open seat for Ohio Senate in District 23 to become your next State Senator. The seat is open due to the fact that our current Senator, Michael Skindell, is term limited.

Those of you who are aware of my hard work and love for our communities may not know where my sense of pride and dedication for Northeast Ohio comes from. My family has lived, worked, worshipped and built the communities in the district for generations. Both the Antonio and Schwarz families emphasized hard work and service to our country to their children and descendants. They worked long hours; my Uncles and Grandfather in the steel mills, my Grandmother and Aunts on assembly lines, my Mom in a department store, my Dad in construction, and my other Grandfather driving both a bus and a cab in transportation. I got my hardworking, middle class roots from all of them. I learned the value of collective bargaining for good pay and a safe working environment, and how important equal pay for equal work truly is.

Jean and I have worked to pass these values of hard work and service down to our daughters Ariel and Stacey. And I know these are the core values we see in the communities throughout Senate District 23. Senate District 23 includes the west side of Cleveland and neighborhoods of West Park, Kamms, Gor-



don Square, Old Brooklyn and the cities of Brooklyn, Brooklyn Hts., Brookpark, Cuyahoga Hts., Lakewood, Linndale, Middleburg Hts., Parma, and Parma

Hts.

What I love about our communities is that we are a proud, hard-working people who strive to make a good life for all of our families; growing up here, I learned this firsthand.

I've served as the State Rep. and leader in the Ohio House as Minority Whip, as well as the highest-ranking Democrat on the Health Committee. I've been able to pass legislation such as the historic Open Records Adoption Bill

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BEER ENGINE Benefits Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp.



BEER ENGINE owner, Robert Wright and GM, Peter Stancato, present check for \$6,002.00 to Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. President, Ellen Todia and Mayor Summers on behalf of families served by LCAC.

by Celia Dorsch

On behalf of Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation, I am honored to thank BEER ENGINE for raising \$6,002 at their recent charity fundraiser for LCAC. BEER ENGINE has dedicated two years of support around their anniversary date to help Lakewood residents in need. Their combined donations have raised \$14,582 for LCAC!

Mayor Mike Summers

recently joined LCAC in accepting the check, 100% of which will be used to help provide food and cleaning supplies for disadvantaged families in Lakewood. LCAC's spring cleaning distribution will be held on Saturday, May 12th. We look forward to seeing many volunteers at the event. For details, go to www.lcac.info or Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation on Facebook.

Hot Off The Deck



Manic Monday Open Mic Night at Kelleys Pub on Lakewood Heights Blvd. Stop by and register before 9:30pm with Meganne Stepka.



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Celebrate Spring With Earth Day, The Great American Cleanup, And Keep Lakewood Beautiful

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optional pre-registration requested, please see:<http://www.onelakewood.com/KLB> or call 529-6601.

Be sure to take home a free seedling tree. Keeping with one of the mission goals of Keep Lakewood Beautiful, education, we partnered for the 6th year with the Horticulture class at Lakewood High School. We will be giving away 10 varieties of free seedling trees that have been potted by Lakewood High School Horticulture students under the expertise of the new Horticulture teacher, Mrs. Shannon Snare. Keep Lakewood Beautiful purchases all the supplies needed for this annual classroom experience where students learn how to and then also actually plant bare root tree seedlings in pots. The pots are kindly donated by Lakewood Garden Center. Thank you LHS students for your help! We have several varieties to choose from that particularly fit most Lakewood yards. Trees provide us with beauty and many benefits: they help purify the air we breathe by absorbing pollutants and produce oxygen, increase property values, shade and cool our

buildings and paved surfaces, reduce the amount of water and pollutants in sewer systems, provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, and foster safer, more sociable and attractive neighborhood environments.

We hope you can join us and learn more about trees and flowers from some experts who will be present to guide us as we work. Then take home a tree seedling for FREE for your yard, while supplies last! Please drop by on April 28th and help Keep Lakewood Beautiful!

The Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) organization was initially created in September 1982 to promote civic involvement through public interest in the general improvement of the environment of Lakewood. It maintains an affiliation with Keep America Beautiful. The volunteer board initiates, plans and coordinates programs for litter prevention, solid waste reduction, recycling and green space beautification such as Earth Day, Great American Cleanup, Spring Humus Sale (on 5-19-18), over 50 Adopt-a-Spot Gardens, Beautiful Home Awards, and the Tree Committee. For more information or to

support the Keep Lakewood Beautiful organization see: <http://www.onelakewood.com/KLB> or call 529-6601.

Marianne Quasebarth Usiak is Lakewood citizen a KLB Volunteer Board Member.

Rep. Antonio's Legislative Agenda Building Momentum At The Statehouse

by Nickie Antonio
State Representative Ohio House 13

We had a trifecta of success this week as two pieces of my legislation, House Resolution (HR) 193 and House Bill (HB) 464, and a floor amendment on school safety, made inroads through the legislative process.

HR 193, legislation urging Congress to award Annie and John Glenn with a Congressional Gold Medal for their lifetime of public service, unanimously passed the Ohio House Wednesday. John Glenn was a pioneering astronaut, a Marine Corps pilot, a United States Senator and a co-founder of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University with his wife, Annie. Annie Glenn, born with a severe speech disorder, completed an intensive speech therapy program in 1973 then dedicated her life to helping others with communications disorders.

John and Annie Glenn's story is one of public service and mutual dedication through service towards the betterment of their community and country. They have been such incredible inspirations to all Ohioans, and I am so pleased that they received this important recognition from the Ohio House of Representatives.

HB 464 unanimously passed the Ohio House Health Committee Wednesday. The bill would allow the Ohio Department of Health to recognize any hospital or center that

has been certified as a Comprehensive Stroke Center, Primary Stroke Center or Acute Stroke Ready Hospital and would establish protocols for assessment, treatment and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.

Unfortunately, as the fifth leading cause of death, strokes are a health concern that touch many of our lives. If we are able to detect the signs of stroke sooner and transport patients to the facility best equipped to deal with their needs, we will be able to minimize the long-term effects and even prevent. This bill is very near and dear to my heart as I lost my mother, June, to complications from a stroke in 1999.

I also introduced a House floor amendment (very difficult to advance) that was accepted and added to House Bill 318. The legislation that would define the qualifications and duties of School Resource Officers and lead ultimately to safer schools for our children. The Antonio amendment includes research as to the status of School Resource Officers throughout the state so that the Facilities Construction Commission study of school security upgrades could include the cost of School Resource Officers.

Next steps: HR 193 and HB 318 moves to the Senate for consideration; HB 464 moves to the House for a floor vote. I'm proud of our results this week as we continue to get things done for the people of Ohio.

Nickie J. Antonio Makes Run For State Senate District 23

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by working in a bi-partisan way and I've brought millions of dollars back to the district for Capital improvements for our schools, arts organizations and communities. I have proven that I know how to get things done. As a parent and former teacher I will work to bring resources to our schools so our children can have the best opportunities for success.

Always guided by my family legacy of hard work and service, I ask for your consideration and your vote. As your next State Senator, I am a proven, trusted, progressive leader. Together we can make a difference for our families and Ohio's future. Early voting has begun; I ask for your vote today, tomorrow, or on Tuesday, May 8th.

Nickie J. Antonio
State Representative Ohio House 13
Candidate for Ohio State Senate 23



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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Author Event - “The Edge of Innocence: The Trial of Casper Bennett” by David Miraldi

The Edge of Innocence is historical fiction based on the 1964 murder trial of Casper Bennett, a man accused of drowning his wife in a bathtub of scalding water in Lorain. Bennett’s sensational trial pitted an aggressive, mercurial county prosecutor against the author’s father, a civil trial attorney who had never before defended anyone for murder. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Booked for Murder

If you share a passion for mystery, join the group each month to discuss your favorites and selections made by group members. Tonight we will discuss:”The Forgotten” by David Baldacci.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Film - “Departures” (2008), Directed by Yoshiro Takita

Daigo Kobayashi (Masahiro Motoki) is an unemployed cellist who answers a job advertisement for what he assumes to be a travel agency called “Departures.” Upon discovering that the job actually consists of preparing the dead for their final resting place, Daigo accepts the position and finds his role as a gatekeeper between life and death to be a noble task. In Japanese with English subtitles.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Concert - The Clifton Beat

The Clifton Beat is a rock and power pop band comprised of guitarists Bill Rouse and David Lowery, bassist Mark Bluhm and drummer Paul Nickels.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Talk - Staying Independent through Aging

Presentation by Peggy Lee-Tocco
The fourth in our six-part series on aging led by Peggy Lee-Tocco. Previous registration is required.

1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Genealogy Workshop, Taught by Deborah Abbott, PhD

How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results. Space is limited at the workshops, but you are welcome to register with a partner and

share a computer. Registration is required. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

Poetry Workshop, Led by Leanne Hoppe

The fourth in our four part series. Writing poetry is about the journey, not the destination. Part of that journey is seeing what you’ll discover, surprising yourself and enjoying the bumps in the road. During this four part series, Leanne Hoppe will be your poet tour guide on this adventure—all abilities and experience levels are welcome.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Forum: Single Payer Healthcare - How does it Work? Could it work?

Moderated by Ginger Christ, Plain Dealer Healthcare Reporter

Some think that single payer healthcare is the answer to our healthcare problems and others think it will bankrupt the country and won’t work. This forum will explore both sides with a particular emphasis on how it might impact Northeast Ohio. This forum is co-sponsored by the Case Western Reserve University Siegal Lifelong Learning Program, League of Women Voters-Greater Cleveland, Cleveland.com/Plain Dealer.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Author Event - “The Necklace,” by Claire McMillan

Always the black sheep of the Quincy clan, Nell is cautious when she’s summoned back to the family manor after her great-aunt Loulou’s death. A cold reception from the family grows chillier when they learn Loulou has left Nell a valuable heirloom: a stunningly ornate necklace from India. As predatory relatives begin circling and art experts begin questioning the necklace’s provenance, Nell turns to the only person she thinks she can trust. Books will be available for sale and signing at this event.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Film - “The Treasure of the Sierra Madre” (1948)

Directed by John Huston

Fred C. Dobbs (Humphrey Bogart) and Bob Curtin (Tim Holt) are down-and-out Americans in Mexico looking for work. When they run into a grizzled old prospector named Howard (Walter Huston), he piques their interest with tales of his gold-hunting experiences. Along the way they are thwarted by bandits, the elements and their own greed.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Concert - The Cleveland Opera: Marriage by Lantern-Light

Marriage by Lantern-Light is a comic opérette in one act by Jacques Offenbach sung in English. A young farmer, Guillot, has affection for his orphan cousin Denise, but he hides his feelings, driving her to despair. Two gossiping widows, Catherine and Fanchette, poke fun at Guillot’s doltishness. But when he receives a letter from his uncle telling him about buried treasure, the two women determine to win Guillot’s hand. The Cleveland Opera makes opera accessible, affordable engaging and fun throughout Northeast Ohio.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Talk - Staying Independent through Aging

Presentation by Peggy Lee-Tocco
The fifth in our six part series on aging. Previous registration required.

1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Meditation Series, Presented by Nadine “Ddeani” Feighan

Meditation reduces anxiety and stress, leading to balanced living and a healthier life. Ddeani Feighan has studied meditation and energetic medicine for the past ten years. She is a Reiki Master and a Registered Polarity Practitioner. She practices Elemental Reflexology and Holistic Counseling.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Friday, April 20, 2018

Meet the Local Author: Keith Allen

For students in kindergarten through third grade
Meet the author of the pop-up book What a mess! A Pop-Up Misadventure. Kids will create their own two-page pop-up book to take home. Registration required.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library Activity Room.

Saturday, April 21 & 28, 2018

ACT and SAT Practice Tests

For students in seventh through twelfth grade
A professional from Sylvan Learning of Westlake will proctor the test and contact parents with results. Registration required.

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Outback Ray, For the whole family

Enjoy a variety of exotic animals such as a fennec fox, albino Burmese python, and Chacoan horned toad. No registration required. Free and open to public.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Sunday, April 22, 2018

This Land is Your Land: Family Story Times about Diversity
For you and your birth through 8-year-old child
Story time features age-appropriate book on various social justice issues, including discussion and activities. This session’s theme is Environmental Justice. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.



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Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show

by Marge Foley

Have you ever seen a red-footed tortoise, a dwarf caiman, a silver fox rabbit, or a 13 foot Burmese python? These are just some of the animals that Outback Ray might bring to his upcoming performance at the Lakewood Public Library. Outback Ray has had a passion for animals since he was a child and has been doing live animal shows since 1987. He has appeared on television, radio talk shows, and has trained animals for commercials. Outback Ray shares his knowledge with the audience as he tells fascinating facts about each

of his beloved animals. All of Outback Ray's animals live in his home as pets and are given the greatest care possible. The animals are trained and handled daily to ensure the safety of the audience as well as the animals. Bring your family to this educational and fun program and give them the opportunity to see these and other exotic animals. Outback Ray will be entertaining families at the Lakewood Public Library on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Come see the animals up close and learn something, too.



Outback Ray will bring snakes and other exotic animals.



Sunday With The Friends: The Cleveland Opera Performs April 29

by Lisa Calfee

Discover the joys of opera as The Cleveland Opera performs at Lakewood Public Library on Sunday, April 29, 2018 as part of our popular Sunday with the Friends program. The 2:00 p.m. show will be a free performance of Le Mariage aux Lanternes, or Marriage by Lantern-Light, by Jacques Offenbach. Cleveland Opera brings opera to unique venues throughout Northeast Ohio in fun, affordable and accessible ways. The talented ensemble travels along singing their collective hearts out while simultaneously charming the seasoned opera lover and winning the hearts of a whole new group of fans, who are often surprised to find opera so relatable.

For example, 161 years have passed since “Marriage by Lantern Light” first played in 1857 Paris, but the laughs and pathos still resonate with the modern audience. It is the story of a young farmer, Guillot, who takes in his orphaned cousin, searches for a promised treasure by the light of a lantern and is pursued by love... and other things. Both sentimental and hilarious, this one act operetta will be performed in English by a gifted cast. Come and watch The Cleveland Opera prove once again that the world is always in the mood for great music and a timeless romantic comedy. The performance will be on our stage at the Main Library Auditorium at 15425 Detroit Avenue.

Meditation Series Presented By Nadine Feighan

by Elaine Rosenberger

The Library is pleased to welcome back Nadine Feighan for another series on meditation. Building on the popularity of last year's Heartfulness Meditation series, Feighan will return to the Lakewood Public Library Main Multipurpose Room on Tuesday May 1, 2018 and Tuesday May 8, 2018 for a two-part meditation series. Regular meditation has been shown to increase both internal awareness and mental well-being. Mental health benefits of meditation include reduced stress and anxiety, increased focus, and improved immune system function. Feighan is a holistic health counselor who has studied meditation and energetic medicine for the past ten years. She is also a Reiki Master and a Registered Polarity Practitioner. Feighan's two part Meditation Series takes place in the Main Library



Multipurpose Room on Tuesday May 1, 2018 and Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to all. Just drop in; there is no need to register.

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Pair Earn State Honors For Reflections Pieces

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Council of PTAs Reflection Committee recently announced that two of its submissions for judging at the state level earned recognition for further artistic merit. In the literature category, junior Gabrielle Dever won an Award of Excellence, which qualifies her piece to move on to national level judging. Also in the literature category, junior Sam Stone earned an Award of Merit.

Statewide submissions were judged by category and age group – primary (grades preK-2), intermediate (3-5), middle (6-8) and high school (9-12). Out of thousands of submissions, only six students were recognized in each age level/category.

The Reflections program offers students from schools with active PTAs the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works in seven arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, visual arts and special artist. All entries must follow a chosen theme, which this year was “Within Reach.”

Each school with a PTA can send up to 24 entries to the district level judging. Among works chosen for district-level recognition, the highest scoring 28 works as deemed by a panel

of nine judges evaluating on artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme, moved on to Columbus to compete with students’ work from around the state.

LHS Academic Challenge Team Earns Return Trip To Nationals

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High Academic Challenge Team has been busy over the past several months competing in regularly scheduled Southwest Conference competition and in two invitational tournaments at Solon and Olmsted Falls High Schools. The varsity team and JV teams finished 3rd of 10 schools in the conference matches. At the invitational tournaments the JV finished 2nd of 20 teams at both Solon and Olmsted Falls.

Because of our outstanding record last year at the National Tournament in Chicago (7th of 72 schools) we are again invited (6th straight year) to compete at the national level. Twelve individuals will be in Chicago over the weekend of June 8-10, competing on both varsity and JV levels.

The varsity team this year is led by senior co-captains Erika Hakko and Brian Donahoe, with strong senior support from Abe Dalisky, Seamus Holian, Zach Howe, Damian Jouriles, and Veronica Lee. Our future

LHS Artists Earn Top Honors In Rotary/Beck Contests

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High students were top award-winners in the 73rd annual Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River Speech, Music, and Visual Arts Contests. Lakewood students swept the speech category and took the top two spots in visual arts.

Contest participants are students from the five Lakewood and Rocky River high schools including Lakewood High School, Lutheran High School West, Magnificat High School, Rocky River High School, and St. Edward High School. Awards are given for first through third place and then Honorable Mentions are awarded at the judges’ discretion.

Earning first place and \$750 in the Speech contest was junior Nicholas Cleary. Second and third place went to sophomore Taylor Heckel (\$500) and junior Gabby Murray (\$300), respectively.



Speech winners from left, Taylor Heckel, Nicholas Cleary and Gabby Murray.

Senior Elyza Mihalski won first place in visual arts, earning \$500, and senior Micah Inak was awarded second place and \$350. Junior Riley Geyer’s work earned an Honorable Mention and \$75.

In the music category, senior Hannah Cogar placed second and won \$350 for her vocal piece, “Gia il Sole dal gange,” by Scarlatti. Senior Emily Erhardt earned third (\$275) for her flute performance of “Sonate pour Flute et Piano,” by Poulenc. Senior Grace Cooper earned an Honorable Mention (\$125) for her string bass piece, “Sonata 1, Movement 1 & 4,” by Vivaldi.

“The entire event is truly a celebration and demonstration of amazing young talent right here in our community,” said Ed Gallagher, Beck Center for the Arts’ Director of Education.

The winners received their awards at a reception on April 8 at Beck Center for the Arts.

Congratulations to all the talented students and the teachers who helped them achieve at such a high level!

on to state competition in Columbus. The first-place success of the team on the local Channel 5 Academic Challenge Program last year has put some extra money into our school fund, but a few more dollars are still needed to offset the difference. Please send any donations to Lakewood Academic Challenge Team, c/o Robert Sedlak, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Your continued support in much appreciated.



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Lakewood Schools

Spring Break In The Galapagos

by Lalia Williams, LHS Junior

During Lakewood High's recent Spring Break, two different groups of students and teachers enjoyed trips abroad: one group to Germany and Austria and one group to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Junior Lalia Williams shares her impressions of her group's trip to the Galapagos (originally published in Lakewood Times):

About one week ago, I went to the mainland of Ecuador, as well as the Galapagos Islands. There is no way that I can touch on everything amazing that I saw, just because there was so much of it. But overall, it was an experience that I definitely will never forget. Here is why:

When we first got to Quito (which is the capital of Ecuador) we were all very tired from a day of flights and layovers. But stepping out of the airport and seeing that there were actual palm trees right in front of us was amazing. And although we could not see much considering it was late at night,



The LHS Travel Club at the rim of an active volcano in the Galapagos Islands.

we could tell that it was a lot different from where we came from.

Quito is a lot older than the United States. And there, (instead of old buildings being destroyed to make room for “better” ones) everything is built upon itself. We walked to the top of an ancient church to see the city, and the view was indescribable. The hills around us were covered with small col-

orful houses and buildings, and it was insane to think that there were people, each with their own life and stories, in all of them.

The next day, we flew to Galapagos. When we got there, the first thing I noticed was the beautiful turquoise color of the water surrounding the ocean. The other thing that became obvious throughout the first day was

that Galapagos is very rich in different environments; the difference between some of the islands (that were only a short boat ride apart) was the difference between a rainforest and a desert.

The wildlife was amazing. Lizards and sea-lions were like dogs and squirrels there, so every time I saw one it was hard to believe that there were so many others. When we were snorkeling, one of the sea-lions came close enough to touch us. And at the bottom of the shallow area, there was a sea-turtle. The turtle was possibly the most beautiful animal I have ever seen.

One of the highlights for me was when we hiked up to the top of an actual volcano. I expected it to be kind of cool, but not anywhere near as beautiful as it actually was when we finally reached the peak. To be able to see that something that was once so violent and destructive now coexisted with the same species it once destroyed really made me realize the power of our Earth. There, we had a moment of silence for everything we had seen so far. It was the most peaceful silence I have ever felt.\

LHS Artist To Donate 20% Of Proceeds From First Solo Art Show To H2O

by Frances Inak

Micah Inak, a senior at Lakewood High School currently has 20 pieces of art up in her first solo art show at The Root Café, 15118 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107 which will run from April 9th to May 6th. She will be donating 20% of all sales from the show to H2O (Help to Others), a local community volunteer group. This show is a big deal for Micah. Not only will she have a nice selection of her work on display, but one of her award winning pieces was printed on thousands of paper coffee cups which will be distributed by 11 local coffee, tea, and ice cream shops across Lakewood. The cups first became open to the public on Sunday, April 15th at the opening reception, and will be available until they run out.

Micah and her twin sister, Chelsea Inak, have volunteered for H2O off and on since 2011. Through H2O they've gotten experience being vol-



Rivers On My Mind, Coffee Cup, Micah Inak 2018

unteers for many organizations such as Ronald McDonald House, Vietnam Vets, and the Cleveland Food Bank as well as being caricature artists at the annual H2O Pumpkin Palooza event. They learned a

lot about being a good community members from the program, got a lot of experience they were able to put down on college, job, and scholarship applications, and now want to give something back. "It seemed like a cool thing to do. H2O is an organization that does a lot for the community," said Micah.

In addition to The Root Café show, Micah also currently has work up in the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibit, one of only 300 pieces selected from over 11,500 entries from students in 15 regions across Ohio, and recently found out she won 2nd prize and \$250 from the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River for a piece currently on exhibit at the Beck Center for the Arts. Micah's latest artwork will soon be on display for the LHS Senior Art show which opens May 18th at Lakewood High School. Outside of these exhibits, Micah is making plans for her own



Doppelgoblin, Micah Inak 2018

illustration business, Micah Inak Art, which she plans to grow as she works towards her degree at the Cleveland Institute of Art starting this fall.

For more information about Micah's freelance business, her artwork, or any of these shows, please visit her website: www.micahinakart.com

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Announcing Our Guest Speaker And Nominees For Women Honoring Women

by Kristy Feyedelem

Lakewood Women’s Club is proud to announce that Nancy Gianni, Chief Belief Officer at GiGi’s Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Centers will be the keynote speaker for this year’s Women Honoring Women on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

Nancy is a model keynote speaker. Not only is she the face of GiGi’s Playhouse, she is also a mother of four from South Barrington, Illinois. Nancy serves as both the visionary leader behind the organization’s launch and dramatic growth, and in her most important role, is GiGi’s mom.

In 2002, she received GiGi’s Down syndrome diagnosis. Her fears coupled with the negative reactions of the medical staff could have stifled Nancy and GiGi. Instead, inspired by the miracle of GiGi, she started a remarkable journey sparked by hope and unconditional love. What began as a mother’s vision to change perception and maximize her daughter’s success has evolved into a global movement of acceptance for ALL!

There are currently 36 GiGi’s Playhouse locations across the U.S. and Mexico, and a demand to open 200 more worldwide. GiGi’s Playhouse is the ONLY international network of Down Syndrome Achievement Centers created to provide FREE life-changing therapeutic and educational programs to help hundreds of thousands of people of all ages every day.

The Women Honoring Women ceremony will recognize three outstanding women from the Lakewood community. An Emerging Leader and a Distinguished Leader award, as well as a college scholarship, will be presented to Lakewood women who have demonstrated a variety of outstanding accomplishments and

contributions to our community.

The Lakewood Women’s Club hopes to inspire the next generation of women in Lakewood; our goal for the night is to celebrate each and every nominee and attendee, and celebrate what they have achieved, what they are striving to achieve, and their potential to achieve. As well as to have some FUN!

The award winners are being chosen from a number of nominations submitted by the community prior to our event. This year’s Emerging Leader nominees are: Jennifer Lenhart, Erin Vokes, Joannah Lynch, Courtney Noster, Kayla Griffin, Roxann Ramsey-Caserio, Maureen Sweeney, Jessica Sayre, and Laura Germaine.

This year’s Distinguished Leader nominees are: Kimberly Pustulka, Lucinda Einhouse, Constance Mansell, Rebecca Reynolds, Vicki Smigelski, Shannon Strachan, and Renee Jones.

Our selection committee is comprised of current members of Lakewood Women’s Club, past presidents and community Leaders.

Tickets for the event are on sale now on Eventbrite. The minimum donation of \$40 includes admission to the event, hardy appetizers, an open bar for two hours, and the opportunity to win raffle items and gifts.

The donations from the event will support the 2018 scholarship winner and GiGi’s Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center, the Club’s 2018-2020 non-profit recipient.

We are still accepting donations. Please check out our website for sponsorship and donation information: <https://lakewoodwomensclub.weebly.com/sponsorship-and-donations.html>. Lissette Rivera & Torey Via Worron 2018 Women Honoring Women Co-Chairs

Medical Care Is Very Important

by Billy Brenninghouse

Most of us have insurance and can pay for medical care. However, there are many residents in our community that don’t have this privilege. We don’t tend to think about those without health insurance who cannot afford the medical care they need. That’s where places like North Coast Health come in.

North Coast Health (NCH), located on Detroit Rd in Lakewood, is a charitable medical clinic. Anybody 14 years or older is welcome to schedule an appointment. The majority of patients are low income which makes it possible for them to receive care for free or at very low cost. North Coast Health also helps patients apply for Medicaid.

When a patient arrives, they are greeted by the front desk where they get checked in for the appointment. The staff also helps connect patients with specialty services at the Cleveland Clinic and MetroHealth, they provide Giant Eagle gift cards for food, and bus passes. A medical assistant takes the patient to the exam room and checks blood pressure and reviews medications. The doctor comes in next and provides a physical exam, explains what’s going on and the best treatment. Patients who have chronic conditions can meet with the nurse for education. Anyone who needs medications can see the pharmacy technician for assistance.



Billy Brenninghouse is a student at Lakewood Catholic Academy

There is also a counselor to help with behavioral health needs.

The quality of care is just as good as a doctor’s office, because it is a doctor’s office. The doctors and nurses are very qualified and experienced. Some people think that NCH only treats people that are without a home or a job. However, I learned that anybody can come here and that most patients do work, but they just cannot afford the medical care they need and deserve.

NCH is a great place. They help people in need receive good quality medical care. It is a very interesting and fascinating place to volunteer.

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Elections 2018



Mallory McMaster and her family.

Why She's Running

by Mallory McMaster

Residents of Ohio Senate District 23 are lucky to have Nickie Antonio, a West Side native, stepping up as a candidate to represent our values in the May 8 primary election. Now in her fourth elected term in the Ohio House of Representatives, Nickie is ready to continue her career as a champion for democratic principles and continue fighting for her constituents as a Senator.

A strong Democrat, Nickie lives the values she fights for every day. Her experience as a special education teacher and as a leader of a women's drug and alcohol treatment program gave her the patience and empathy needed to represent constituents in all phases of life – even during times of crisis. She fights for access to senior services, worker's rights, and women's rights, and she has overseen the return of millions in capital dollars to Northeast Ohio that have gone on to support education, local infrastructure, and dozens of community projects.

After working her way through

school--the first member of her family to attend and graduate from college--Nickie began her successful career fighting for democratic principles. We couldn't ask for a more qualified candidate for Senate District 23. In addition to serving as the highest-ranking member of the Health and Joint Medicaid Oversight Committees, our neighbor Nickie is also a member of the Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Rules and Reference Committee, and the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee. As past chair of the Ohio Democratic Women's House Caucus, her ability to work across the aisle resulted in some major legislative wins, including the historic Adoption Open Records Law as well as several critical amendments to major bills.

Throughout her career, Nickie has never forgotten that she calls our community home. She and her spouse Jean love living in Lakewood, where they raised their two daughters Ariel and Stacey. Nickie deserves my vote, and yours too.

Tom Bullock Fights For Families

by Lindsey Grdina

I've had the privilege of calling Lakewood my home for the past 10 years. I run a business here, my husband and I own a home here, and we are raising our family here. I'm proud to be represented by Tom Bullock, and proud to support him in his campaign to be the next state representative for Ohio's 13th district. Tom believes that strong families thrive in vibrant, dynamic, diverse cities. He has worked tirelessly to create a safe multimodal city. One that works not just for our current modes of transportation, but with an eye to the future as well. Thanks to Tom's efforts on City Council, it's not unusual to see families like my mine riding their bikes to Lakewood Park, or strolling to the Sweet Spot for an after-dinner treat.

Lakewood is moving in the right direction. As my neighbors and I emerge from our winter hibernation, I see signs all around us that Lakewood is a growing, vibrant community. Home values continue to rise, while our income tax rate hasn't changed since Reagan was in office. New schools, remodeled parks, street art, and inno-



Attorney Lindsey Grdina and her young family love the traffic calming measures Bullock helped bring to Lakewood and support him for state representative.

vative solution to calming traffic. Tom Bullock has served Lakewood in immeasurable ways. I know that he will work hard for us in Columbus, and that why I urge my neighbors to vote for Tom Bullock on May 8 for state representative for Ohio's 13th district.

Who Stood Up For Lakewood?

by Bob Soltys

Remember the keffuffle a couple of years ago about saving our hospital? While you almost certainly do, you might not remember who stood with Lakewood and who stood with Cleveland Clinic. Their candidacy for state representative may refresh your recollection.

State Senator Mike Skindell devoted hundreds of hours to Save Lakewood Hospital, diligently performing legal and factual research on many a Saturday morning, and eventually sued the city under the Open Meetings Act. When Dennis Kucinich held a press conference in September 2015, Mike Skindell stood with him at the lectern.

Messrs. Skindell and Kucinich conducted themselves like gentlemen. Although Cleveland.com described the press conference as unruly at times, it soft-pedaled the behavior of Tom Bullock, whose shouted comments during the press conference included "Aren't you ashamed ..." etc. The rude behavior finally prompted Mr. Kucinich to

ask the crowd to not interrupt the press conference.

Unfortunately for some of those who stood up for Lakewood Hospital, Bullock's obnoxious deportment didn't end when the questions were answered and everyone left. Bullock accosted the head of the group and two other people, invading their personal space and shouting at them even after Tom Monagan and I told him to stop.

While Mike Skindell stood up for Lakewood, Tom Bullock not only didn't stand up for Lakewood but tried to prevent those whose views he disagreed with from expressing their opinion. Do we want someone who cannot or will not tolerate others' views to represent us in Columbus?

Bullock claims he has done much for Lakewood as a City Councilman. He should remain there.

Please support Mike Skindell for state representative. A vote for Bullock is a vote against common courtesy and against the right of free speech.

I Support Mike Skindell For State Representative

by Kate McCarthy

It is my honor and pleasure to support Mike Skindell's campaign for State Representative. Throughout his political career, as a member of Lakewood City Council and a legislator in the Ohio House and Senate, he has consistently represented my values. Governing is about making choices, and Mike makes choices that benefit all of his constituents, not just the privileged few.

Over the years, Mike's perspective has brought much needed balance to the Ohio State Legislature. He has clearly demonstrated that often the real cost of tax cuts is cuts to much needed services...monies to address the opioid crisis, monies to support adult and child protective services, funding to schools, local governments, parks, and

the environment. He has fought to prevent or reduce cuts to these important programs.

Mike understands how government works and how to navigate the legislative process. His accomplishments, while serving in the minority, is a testament to his skills as a legislator. When I receive advocacy alerts to contact my state legislator, I never need to reach out to Mike because I can rest easy that he will do the right thing.

Perhaps most importantly, Mike has served in all these roles with enormous integrity. He is committed to values of open government and the preservation of public assets. I feel well represented by Michael Skindell and will vote for him for State Representative on May 8.

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Undercover Immigrant (An Introduction)

by D.C. Cavalleri

When I arrived in the United States ten years ago, the idea of not having a voice as a green card holder would have been laughable. The United States was and still is, after all, the Land of the Free though it may not have felt as much as of late. My family lived in California briefly when I was a child - my step-father on loan from the European Government - and the favourable mark of the Wild West and her people was so indelibly pressed upon my young memory that much of my later youth was spent dreaming of how I might return. It was with pure delight when in 2006 I received the first temporary visa that would lead to my permanent residency and the rights bestowed along with it.

At eighteen years old I had no real concept of the politics of identity, race and immigration in the U.S. Having attended government schools in Europe I was perhaps more politically-minded that an average teenager, however my cultural understanding of the melting pot was media-infused and nebulous; the phrases 'job stealers' and 'illegals' were far from mind as I was fingerprinted and photographed upon arrival at Chicago O'Hare.

My British accent notwithstanding, I never shied from sharing my status as an immigrant initially. I had landed in a conservative but welcoming community, one in which I was able to safely assimilate into American society. Soon calling the place 'home', I had very little reason to ever fear voicing my opinion. Throughout my residency, however, there has existed a personal dichotomy of identity; on the one hand as anyone who knows me can attest, both in culture and in experi-

ence I remain distinctly European. On the other, after absorbing a somewhat neutral American twang during my years here, unless I inform someone that I'm on a green card they automatically assume that I am a natural-born citizen and treat me as such. I am for all intents and purposes an 'undercover immigrant', an outsider accepted unquestioningly into the fold.

A parallel dichotomy of identity exists, but one vastly greater than my own and one that has weighed more heavily on my mind since the new Administration took office over a year ago. During my ten years in this country - six of them here in Cleveland - I have been welcomed as a friend and even been made to feel like family. I

have met some of the kindest and most loving people, people whose warmth of character remind me of why I dreamed of living in America all those years ago.

Equally, however, I have been nonplussed by the undercurrent of non-chalant racism and xenophobia infused into conversations held in my presence, conversations that have in recent years subtly shifted away from illegal immigration towards a more generalized distrust of 'foreigners'. Sometimes when the topic was more generalized, I spoke up - eager to help correct skewed preconceptions and mind sets. On the few rare occasions in which the animosity was directed towards me however, I was too embarrassed and admittedly too afraid to voice much of a defence. History has

shown fear to be the extinguisher of voices, and It is under the blackness of fear that injustice and bigotry prosper.

There is a growing consensus amongst intellectuals and political analysts that this country is at a crucial turning point and I do not stand alone in being increasingly sure that time is of the essence. As the socio-political thermostat continues to rise, America must decide what sort of country it wants to be before the inevitable paradigm shift that is sure to follow. In this era of ostentatious double-speak and venomous fake news, voices of truth and reason are of paramount importance. I told myself that I would return home if Donald Trump became president, but in recent months I have learned that it is during the times in which the right to a voice is the most threatened that it is perhaps most needed.

Great Again by D.C. Cavalleri

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LO's Guest Writer

Hidden Lakewood:
The Gold Coast

by Erin O'Brien

It's not quite three-quarters of a mile from Edgewater Towers at Lakewood's easternmost edge to the entrance of the 20-story Carlyle on the Lake. The hallowed strip known as Lakewood's Gold Coast contains 13 high-rise residential buildings housing 2,840 suites. This vertical neighborhood contributes in no small part to make this city Ohio's most densely populated, with approximately 9,500 people per square mile.

The Gold Coast dates back to 1929 when the elegant Lake Shore opened

ford, built in 1972, would cap the boom.

It all came at a cost: elaborate mansions were razed, such as that of business tycoon James A. Paisley with its ballroom and elevators, although one of the outbuildings survived. The Paisley "barn" is now a private residence on the south side of Edgewater nestled between the Georgian Manor and Travelodge. (Hint: look for the tell-tale turret.) Other estates dismantled



Liveable Lakewood art from a photo by Craig Lovejoy

Dining options on the north side of Edgewater were always slim, but what they lacked in numbers they made up for in style. Of course the venerable Pier W remains. The swank eatery has employed the same bouillabaisse recipe since it opened in 1965 as part of the Stouffer's chain. This was back when Stouffer signaled a renowned Cleveland family of restaurateurs that had yet to stamp its name on endless rows of red boxes in the freezer case.

The bar at the Silver Quill in the Carlyle was often three or four deep while the dashing Marius Eggelmeyer held court over the dining area as maître d'. He was a commanding presence: barrel-chested with a thick shock of silver hair. Truly the face of Gold Coast dining, the former Dutch Merchant Marine eventually opened his own restaurant in the grand dining hall of the Lake Shore in 1978. The Marius featured unparalleled views of downtown, tableside flambé dishes and Caesar salad made the authentic way, with raw egg and anchovies. The space is now occupied by Larsen Architects. The Silver Quill became part of the famed Swingo franchise. It went dark in 2009, but not before Paul Anka and an entourage of 75 noshed on Lebanese fare personally prepared by Jim Swingo in 1992. One other quaint dining room still overlooks Lake Erie from Lakewood's Gold Coast: the Lake House Restaurant offers up diner style eats from an airy space on the first floor of that 1959 tri-winged edifice.

As with any enclave wherein money

meets celebrity, The Gold Coast's reputation is replete with legends in which mobsters and molls carried on amid marathon parties. Tawdry stories dot its history as well. As part of an illegal gambling investigation, a search of David Hammon's Winton Place apartment in 2004 unearthed two bags of suspicious white powder. More recently, Roaa Al-Dhannoon disappeared from her Gold Coast apartment in October 2016. Her body was found in May 2017 in Brooklyn and her ex-husband was charged with murder. Conversely, Norman Liver's killer was never found. The 57-year-old bachelor was stabbed to death in his Edgewater Towers unit — and then some. "Sexual organs are still missing," reported the Plain Dealer in October 1980.

A lesser-known tragic note comes from December 1976. Granger Avenue resident Thomas P. Moraghan was



washing upper story windows at the Winton Place without benefit of scaffolding or safety lines. The 21-year-old slipped from the 17-inch ledge and fell to his death.

A 16-year-old clerk discovered the body, which landed on the low structure that housed the mailroom where he was working. That clerk was John O'Brien (LHS 1978), who would go on to author the novel "Leaving Las Vegas" 14 years later.

photo courtesy of the Lakewood Historical Society



Kuntz home, was the most expensive home to build in Ohio at the time.

at the intersection of Cove and Edgewater. In July of that year, James G. Monnett of the Plain Dealer first associated the term "gold coast" with the area by quoting the developer, C. H. Cummins, who viewed his dazzling \$3 million Lake Shore residential hotel project as the inception of "beautiful development" along Lake Erie's shore and very similar to that of Chicago's north shore, that city's "so-called "gold coast." The name stuck and so did the idea — even if it took a few decades.

While the original stone carved sea horses and gargoyle waterspouts on the Lake Shore's exterior belie that grand old dame's opulent art deco origins, modern sophistication would characterize the future development of this skinny patch of real estate.

Construction of the Gold Coast started in earnest with the easternmost 10-story Edgewater Towers opening in 1954. The row's best example of brutalist architecture, the \$8.5 million Water-

Winton and became the grounds for the \$20 million Winton Place, which at 30 stories is the tallest on the Gold Coast (initial plans, however, included four residential towers and a 100-slip marina). As for the Obermiller estate, owner Ms. Mary L. Obermiller testified in court in 1902 that knights of the Masonic order were conspiring to kill her as part of an extended legal battle with her sister. Whether or not similar dramas ensued in the Shoreham, which was erected on the property in 1960, is unknown.

More recognizable names dot the Gold Coast's timeline. While Art Modell's 1960's bachelor pad in the Winton Place featured brass gladiator helmets that oversaw notorious parties, Carol Channing was a regular at the Lake Shore when she was in town. Mike Douglas also set up shop there, albeit more permanently. "The Mike Douglas Show," which ran in Cleveland from 1961 – 1965 was live on air when NBC interrupted the broadcast with the news of JFK's assassination on November 22, 1963.

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Please Don't Do That To Me Again: Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 68

by Buzz Kompier

Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to pick out what you like (or dislike) about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn't like something, don't feel too bad. My opinion doesn't matter all that much.

Cross Brothers - Living On Sheepheads - Just Because Records - 10 songs - LP, download

On one hand, I wasn't sure about this because I've never been a huge Coffinberry fan (that's where the Cross brothers themselves are from, you see), but on the other hand, Scott Pickering did the cover art, so there's something immediately worthwhile about it right there. It's not bad stuff. It's indie rock, as meaningless as that genre name is. About half-and-half 2000s indie and 90s indie, with a little bit of 80s indie in there and maybe even some 70s stuff too. What am I even talking about? Writing that sentence made all

other thoughts fall apart. The tunes are well-written and well-performed. There's decent harmonies throughout and some pretty good guitar playing in several places (certain George Harrison-esque parts on "Singing Machine"; the guitar interplay on the solo of "Until"). I'm not a huge fan of the vocals, but oh well. I think my general opinion here is that I'm a fan of the songs, but not so much the style. It's a bit too...I don't know. It's not at all that the songs lack energy, because they don't, it's that they don't have the type of energy I want them to have. Does that make any sense at all? I have no idea. "In Transit," "Hard Earned Trap," "Where The Water's Fine," and "Back From The Dead" come the closest to what I'd prefer, but what can ya do. Probably something I'd like more live, I'd guess. I also wish "No White Mystery" was a diss track about the band White Mystery, though I think that's highly unlikely to be the case. Oh well.

Final verdict: enough good songs to make it worth your while if this sounds like your kind of thing. 3/5

(justbecauserecords.bandcamp.com)
Street Gurgler - Live On WRUW - Adamant Blasts / Pete Smokes Weed Tapes - 9 songs - cassette, download

A friend and I saw Street Gurgler open for Cloud Nothings and he said afterwards, "it's really funny how that band is so tight but the singer is so bad," then maybe 10 minutes later was saying, "actually, I think those vocals were perfect for the band." It's true that at times Meggie's vocals do bring to mind an especially chipper 11 year old, maybe at the expense of something like "proper key." However, I'd make the case that that's a strength rather than a weakness. Besides Meggie Mohawk (also in Brainwashed California), Street Gurgler is a guy from Rubber Mate (the guy who sings, though he plays guitar here), a guy from Splat (the guy who plays drums, who also plays drums here), Mr. California, and a bass player who I don't recognize. Musically, it's a pleasing punk/psych/hard rock mix. I think I saw someone describe them as "Blue Öyster Cult with an Android" (Mr. C plays synth on his phone), and while that's oversimplifying it, it's not a bad place to start. The same friend from before would (and probably has) describe these songs as "rippers." Serious wah-

wah guitar, serious riffage, serious rock action all around. To go back to the 11 year old thing from before, that carries through to the lyrics as well: songs about leaving your lunch at home, a song called "Happy Bunny," a song that provides instructions on how to boil eggs (it's called "How To Boil Eggs")... it almost comes as a shock when there's a F-bomb in "Paper 'n' Pen." I don't mean to paint it as "cutesy" or anything, it's just kinda how it is. I think the best moment on the tape is the one-two punch of "Gross" and "Reality Land," though other listeners may disagree. As much as I like this tape, it's really not the same as seeing the band live. In a way, because it is recorded live, it's more unsatisfying than just a studio recording, since you're almost hearing them in a live setting, but not. Also, a lot of the "Live From Cleveland" broadcasts sound better over the radio than they do listened to out of context, and this is no exception. All that said, still a rocker of a release. Will 2018 be the year of Street Gurgler? 3.5/5

(streetgurgler.bandcamp.com to download, catch the band for a tape)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to Observer headquarters: The Lakewood Observer, c/o Buzz Kompier, 14900 Detroit Avenue, Suite 205, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Phantasy Fest

by Buzz Kompier

Phantasy Fest will start in the Symposium at 4 PM with Hermes and then move to the Phantasy proper with American Fingertraps (aka Shitbox Jimmy). There will be an afterparty in the Chamber with DJs Himiko Gogo and Mateo Manic. Included in the fun is an Earth Quaker pedal giveaway..

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There will be tarot readings in the boat, giveaways, and more, plus an after party in the Chamber with DJs Mateo Manic and Himiko Gogo. Sounds good to me.

Martin J. Sweeney Hopes To Earn The Privilege Of Serving You In The State Senate

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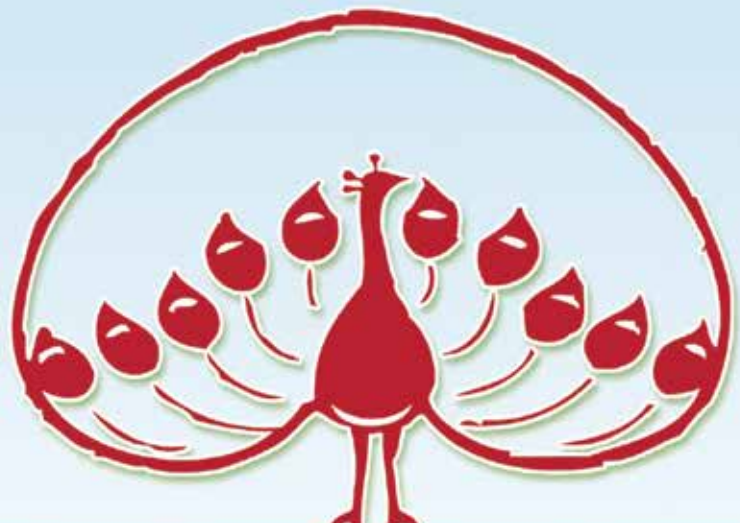
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After Extensive Remodeling Waterbury Coach House Expected To Re-Open May 1st

by Jeanne Bluffstone

When the Waterbury Coach House at 13333 Madison Avenue in Lakewood holds their grand reopening--projected for May 1 after extensive remodeling-- customers will be treated to an expanded menu of American and ethic home cooking (including the restaurant's signature garlic soup), a wide selection of trendy cocktails, live music, and the ever-popular trivia.

"Our customers see us as the place to go for lunch, family dining, a night out, or a friendly cocktail. We also plan to add a cocktail hour in the future," says Waterbury's owner and primary cook Hoss Ashofteh. "We pride ourselves on our specialty home cooking, and our cocktails are always a good pour," he says.

The unique Coach House design, which has attracted customers to the Waterbury for nearly 30 years, still has a neighborhood flavor, but with several interesting twists, says Eric Stone, founder of Stone and Grain Design Group. The colors are inviting tones of taupe and brown, accents are brick and stone, and there is plenty of natural wood throughout, explains co-founder Colin Glavic. Wood flooring, the addition of brown valances above new window treatments and contemporary furni-

ture combine style with warmth and create a modern rustic look.

Pendant lighting replaces dated coach house lights in the Tavern area, and the large bar, which circles from the Tavern into the restaurant, has been fashioned into highly polished natural wood with a granite-like surface. The openness of the space easily accommodates diners and Tavern customers during Waterbury's evening entertainment, which includes live jazz by local groups on Tuesdays and Fridays and live trivia on Saturdays.

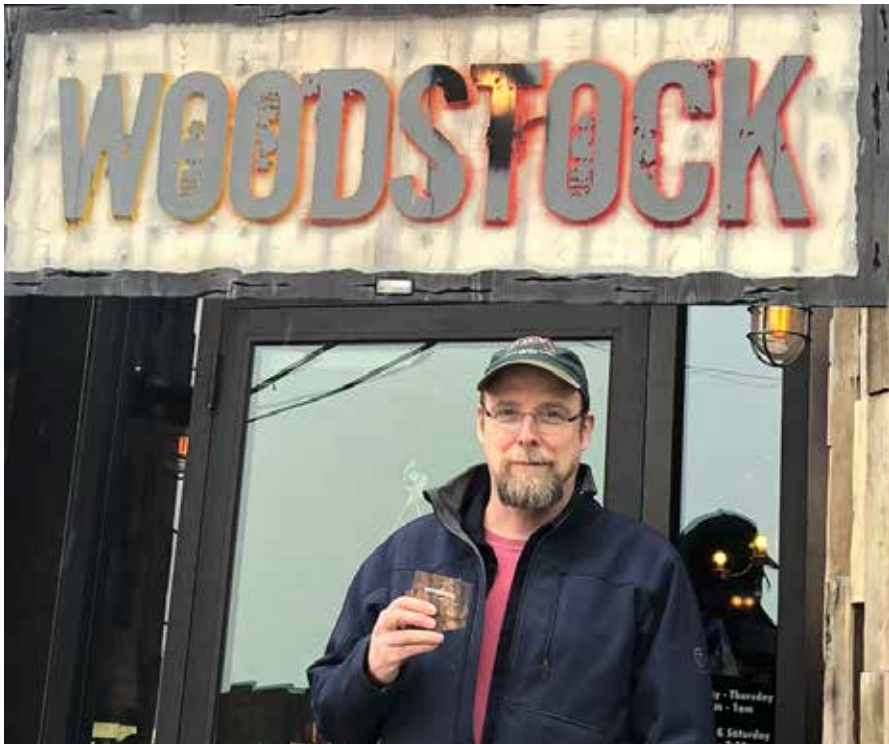
While the entire restaurant and Tavern are eye-catching and welcoming, the focal point of the Waterbury Coach House is the cozy Fireplace Lounge with a large wood and stone hearth, and a mantle fashioned from an 1890s barn. Seating in the Fireplace Lounge is positioned around tables made from real wine barrels. A rotating exhibit of works by well-known local artists and photographers lines the walls and a closed circuit TV broadcasts entertainment from the Tavern along with weekly specials.

Modernized restrooms with new cabinetry and tile further the Coach House theme, as does the large foyer welcoming guests with new flooring, a new logo and brick wall covering.

The building's exterior, formerly yellow and brown, is now soft beige highlighted by red windows and doorway and aluminum trellises, all of which add to the European feel.

There's new signage, a new logo, and two artificial windows strategically placed on what had been a blank exterior wall facing the parking lot.

A Good Reward For Some Of Lakewood's Heroes



Featured in the last edition of the Lakewood Observer as one of our community's heroes for rebuilding the Celeste Purple Martin House at Lakewood park with Stephan Yusko, Steve Ott, and Jim Moshbruger is Dr. Jim O'Reilly with gift certificates for dinner at Woodstock BBQ. Send in a story of your Lakewood Heroes and some of our advertisers will line up to reward them! We can all be heroes!

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by Heidi Murray

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Joyce Dixon Retires After 40 Years



Joyce Dixon, left and Kim Murphy, Administrator, right.

by Kim Murphy

O'Neill Healthcare Lakewood, a skilled nursing facility, celebrated the retirement of Joyce Dixon, who was employed at the Lakewood location as a State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA) for more than 40 years! Joyce started working at 13900 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood on September 13, 1977 when she was in her twenties. Joyce touched the lives of thousands of residents and family members during her tenure there. Her commitment to one facility is remarkable and not something you often hear about – especially in the nursing field. Joyce was known to her coworkers to always be smiling, personable, and a friend to all. She exemplified a kind and caring attitude towards her residents that she was lucky to care for. It was a tough decision for Joyce to retire, but she is looking forward to finally devoting time to take care of herself and her family. O'Neill Healthcare

is proud to have had Joyce as an employee for the last 40 years. The staff and residents will surely miss her and are more than grateful for her years of service. Best wishes and Happy Retirement, Joyce!

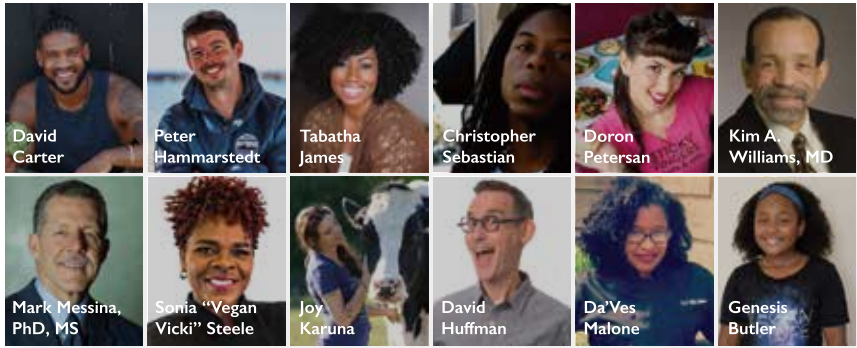
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LakewoodAlive's "All About Fireplaces" workshop sought to address everything homeowners need to know about their fireplaces.

Five Key Takeaways From LakewoodAlive's "Knowing Your Home: All About Fireplaces" Workshop

by Matt Bixenstine

LakewoodAlive's 2018 "Knowing Your Home" series is really heating up. Need proof? Look no further than one of our recent home maintenance workshops.

Forty attendees convened for last month's "Knowing Your Home: All About Fireplaces" free workshop. Led by our friends at The Hearth Shop, this workshop sought to address everything homeowners need to know about their fireplaces, including maintenance, safety and upgrade options.

Now in its fifth year, LakewoodAlive's "Knowing Your Home" workshop series draws hundreds of attendees annually to learn home maintenance best practices. Our workshop series is generously supported by: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company, First Federal Lakewood, Remax Beyond 2000 and Third Federal Savings & Loan.

If you happened to miss this particular workshop, we've got you covered. Here are five key takeaways from "Knowing Your Home: All About Fireplaces."

1. Practice proper fireplace maintenance

Basic gas fireplace maintenance involves making sure you have enough sand and embers to make your home's fireplace functional. It's recommended to have your fireplace cleaned and ser-

viced every two years, and to have your wood-burning fireplace cleaned every one to two years, depending on your frequency of use. Stick to burning dry wood only, as attempting to burn wet wood can be potentially damaging to your fireplace system.

2. Know your fireplace options

In addition to traditional wood-burning fireplaces, both gas and electric fireplaces have become commonplace and require less upkeep. Gas fireplaces – which can be vented or vent-free – burn natural gas instead of wood and can be turned on and off with the push of a button. Electric fireplaces are easy to incorporate into any space because they don't have a flame or require venting.

3. Consider converting to a vent-free gas fireplace

Vent-free is the most commonly-sold gas fireplace option today. While early versions of this technology often suffered from poor construction and improper installation, vent-free fireplaces now represent a great way to achieve both ambiance and a secondary heat source with your home's new fireplace. Although not intended to be a primary source of heat, vent-free fireplaces are efficient enough to complement your furnace while potentially lowering your gas bill.

LakewoodAlive To Host "Knowing Your Home: Home Maintenance" Workshop On May 17

by Matt Bixenstine

Register Now to Attend this Free Workshop at Lakewood Public Library

More than 80 percent of all homes in our city were built before 1935. Our aging housing stock has a lot of charm and character, but with that comes the potential for higher costs for repairs and improvements.

LakewoodAlive will host Knowing Your Home: Home Maintenance on Thursday, May 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lakewood Public Library (15425 Detroit Avenue in Downtown Lakewood). The seventh workshop of 2018 for this popular home maintenance educational series will focus on the must-do home maintenance tasks that homeowners – especially those with 80 to 100+ year-old homes – should make a priority in order to prevent major repair issues down the road.

This workshop will outline a yearly home maintenance schedule for homeowners to undertake. By properly tracking home maintenance tasks and implementing preventative home maintenance measures, homeowners can gain the knowledge and confidence they need to better anticipate

and address future home repairs before they become problematic.

With our society becoming increasingly digital, this workshop will devote time to covering websites and apps that can be used to store all home repair information in one convenient place, making life easier for homeowners.

To reserve your free spot for "Knowing Your Home: Home Maintenance," visit LakewoodAlive.org/KnowingYourHome or call 216-521-0655.

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In lieu of charging for these events, we are asking participants to consider either making a donation to LakewoodAlive or bringing canned foods or other non-perishable items for donation to the Lakewood Community Services Center. We appreciate your support.

4. Think Safety First

When considering installing or converting a fireplace, you must consider the size of the room in question. You need a properly-sized room to maximize the heat your fireplace can produce, and you generally cannot exceed 40,000 BTUs of heat with a vent-free fireplace. Carbon monoxide detectors are strongly recommended whenever you utilize a gas product, and gas fireplaces are no exception. Thankfully, most vent-free fireplace options

include built-in oxygen depletion sensors for safety purposes.

5. Learn About Logs

When it comes to selecting your gas fireplace logs, you have two basic options: ceramic or concrete. Whereas ceramic logs are known for their realistic burn, glow and heat, concrete logs are reputable for their intricate detail and durability. Which option is right for you will depend on your personal preference, as well as what you hope to accomplish with your home's fireplace.

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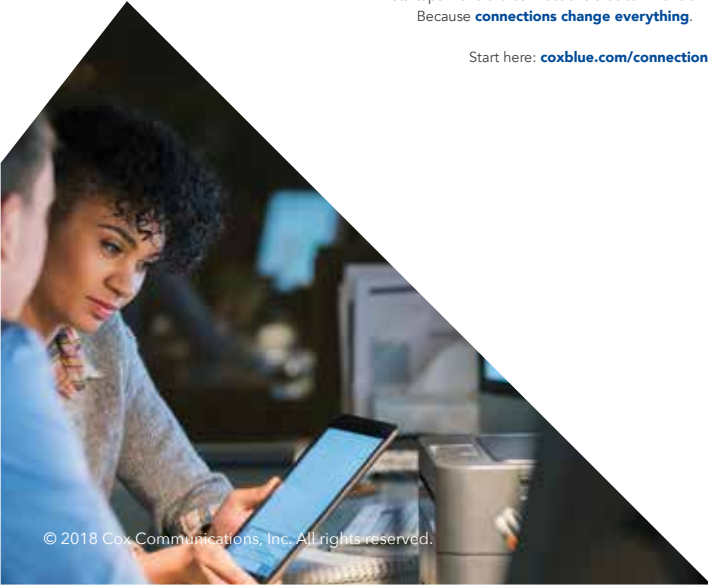
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